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Subject: RE: external cladding

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Nick,

I spoke to Brian Martin and Steve Daws about this, and we have come up with a proposal: where, in a building in excess of 18m in height, there is good reason to suspect that external cladding could readily support rapid vertical fire spread, this should be raised in the fire risk assessment as a matter for further investigation. Similarly, where damage to such cladding exposes insulation that is likely to be combustible, this should be raised as a matter for action. In any of the above circumstances, at least as an interim measure, it should be ensured that there is no reasonably foreseeable likelihood of the presence of combustible materials (e.g. stored rubbish) in close proximity to the cladding.

If you intend to promulgate this amongst London's finest, please give me a heads up, so that we can stress the importance of it to our fire risk assessors. Equally, tell the finest that it is not in PAS 79, so absence of comments on this in an FRA does not warrant a prohibition notice; tell them to think, educate and inform!

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(Dictated by Mr Todd and transmitted in his absence)

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Colin

My turn for a favour. I know we have spoken about this before. You said that in the next update of PAS 79 you would put in a section on assisting external cladding systems. I am trying to put something together to write to London Boroughs about doing this when reviewing the FRA and wondered if you had a form of words that would appear in new PAS 79 that I could direct lift from.

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